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1. Aprozar is the center which supplies the civilian population with vegetables and is located at Strada Stravropoleos No. 5, Bucharest. It functions under the control of Colectare Si Industrializarea Legumelor (CILF) (Center for the Collecting and Sale of Vegetables), which is attached to the Ministry of Supply and located on the premises of the Ministry itself at 6 Calea Brezoianu.
2. The supplies of Aprozar include state farms, truck farmers and the Uniunea Cooperativelor Capitalei UCC (Association of Cooperatives in Bucharest).
3. There are four main depots for vegetables in Bucharest, from which the products are distributed to the sales stores. These depots are located in the Obor, Podul Grand, Rondul and Chitila districts. A special depot for potatoes is located in the Obor district.
4. Each district depot formerly had 40 to 50 sales stores, many of which were taken over by the UCC when it opened sales centers of its own at the request of the Ministry. Aprozar has therefore declined in importance, especially as there are still numerous privately-owned greengrocers selling good quality vegetables at the same prices.
5. The total number of permanent Aprozar employees is approximately 800, 30 percent of whom are women. Temporary workers are hired as required.
6. In 1951, before the latest devaluation of the leu, prices per kilogram were as follows:

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	Purchase Price	Sales price (rations)	Sales price (unrationed)
Potatoes	lei 5.	6.5	11.
Onions	lei 12.		14.
Green beans	lei 10.	12.	16.

## 7. The following personalities are known:

- a. Radu Negru, General Manager. A Rumanian, who is a Communist Party member.
- b. Arges (formerly Schapira), Chief Accountant, who is also a Party member.

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